

FROM THE HILL



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Jesus entered the Temple precincts and began teaching. The chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, "By what authority are you doing what you do? Who gave you this authority?" 24 "And I," replied Jesus, "will ask you a single question; if you give me the answer, I will tell you my authority for these actions. What was the origin of John's right to baptize? Was it divine or was it human?" Matthew 21: 23-25

I love to cook, and for a long time I had lots of cookbooks, so many in fact that I ran out of room. I mostly use cookbooks for inspiration, sometimes following the directions, sometimes experimenting, going rogue with ingredients if I don't have exactly what the recipe calls for. And if all goes well, I make a note about what I did and how it turned out – little notes on the margins in the cookbook.

Often, I have found the recipes worked. Largely, I suppose this is so because they had been vetted by some publisher to be valid and decent. Not all have been to my taste, too bland sometimes, or too fishy other times, but in general the recipes followed decent protocols for boiling things long enough, or roasting so the meat is safe to eat. Someone with authority in cooking made sure the recipe was valid before going through the trouble of putting it into their cookbook to be published.

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Light The Church Fund

Contributions for lighting the church can be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special. If you would like to make a contribution or need more information please contact Robert Knapp at 978-352-7489.



Bible Study is Tuesdays at 10:00 AM. Join Rev. Holly via Zoom -- check the church website for details.



Bell choir and has begun rehearsals! All are welcome, though ability to read music is required. Join us Tuesdays at 6:30 PM.

The World's Most Dangerous Church Band has begun rehearsals, too! Ability to play an instrument preferred but there are other options. Please join us Tuesdays at 7:30 PM.

Any questions please speak to Emily or Bob Knapp.

From the Member at Large

The Church Council is very interested in your ideas as to how we can grow spiritually as a church. How can we expand what we do well so that it reaches beyond our own walls? Please share your thoughts with me or any of the Council Members. Other thoughts and concerns may be shared at any time. Our Member-at- Large to the Council is Susan Stead. email: susanstead5@gmail.com 978-697-1982

Line Dancing is beginning on October 22nd!

Join us from 3-5pm every Sunday afternoon in the church hall.



The Knitting Group is starting! Whether you're a beginner or know your way around the kneedles, this group is for you! Everyone's welcome, and Ruth will give lessons to those who are interested in learning. Kneedles and yarn are provided. For more information call Ruth Soper at 978-273-3459
October 12th & 26th
November 2nd & 16th

Sign Up for Greeters & Offering Collectors

We are looking for individuals, friends and families to serve as greeters on Sunday morning (you will never have to do it alone).

If you would like to sign up please see an usher, use the sign-up sheet on the table near the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office at 978-352-8443.



Joan Chatterton
Kirsten Davis
Scott Edwards
Sharon Lee

Then, with the onset of fast internet access, I have discovered the beauty of the World Wide Web and finding recipes online. My brain exploded with delight at the culinary creativity of what could be done with such a variety of ingredients! My imagination went wild! And I began to rely more and more on this resource for gastronomical inspiration. What fun it has been to plug in the seemingly unrelated ingredients and find that indeed several people have found a way to make them into a meal! And this was all wonderful until it wasn't.

More and more I have found that so many recipes have not been vetted by experts before going viral on social media. The quick and slick video production masked the lousy flavor that results from their experimentation. No one was double checking their work to see if it tasted good before sending it out to the enthusiastic, trusting foodie who loves to try new things.

By what authority do they publish their concoctions? And what do we get when we follow just anybody's idea on social media? What is true and trustworthy? And, conversely, what looks yummy and tastes good but ends up making us sick because the recipe was bad?

Jesus was pretty harsh with the temple elders when he clarified that God vets each of us by our response to God's call to turn, listen and love our neighbor. John the Baptist was a weird guy, not well loved by all, yet he followed through with his call from God to be a messenger of Jesus's ministry.

We are known by our actions, and how we demonstrate our love of neighbor as Jesus teaches, over and over again.

God helps us all follow through and be true to our word!

In faith,

Rev. Holly

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

EACH WEEK WHEN WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP, WE OFFER UP PRAYERS AMONG THE COMMUNITY. DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST THAT YOU WOULD LIKE LIFTED UP? OR HELD MORE QUIETLY BY A SMALL TEAM OF PRAY-ERS?

WE ARE STRONGER WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER IN PRAYER. SEND IN YOUR PRAYERS TO REV. HOLLY BY EMAIL PASTOR@FCCGEORGETOWNMA.ORG; OR PHONE AT 781-632-8964.

AND, AS YOU GO ABOUT YOUR DAYS, IN THE STRUGGLES AND IN THE JOY, KNOW GOD GOES WITH YOU, HOLDING YOU CLOSELY ALWAYS.



Women's Guild fall schedule



BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH LUNCH

Tuesday, October 3 at Noon

ADVOCATING for LAZARUS HOUSE

We will welcome Carman Vega, Executive Director of Lazarus House Ministries located in Lawrence. Carmen will tell us of this mission: providing emergency care, holistic programming, and life skills for gaining independence and self-sufficiency.

Hostesses: Joan Chatterton & Martha Lucius

Devotions: Sue Clay

IT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED if members are able to contribute dues of \$5.00 at this meeting. The dues help pay for some program costs, gifts for guest speakers, memorial contributions, postage, etc. Thanks, in advance!

DESSERT PARTY with the fabulous UKULULUS!

Tuesday, November 7 at 1:00 o'clock

At the close of our 100th Anniversary Year, we'll say hello again to the women of the Ukululus group of talented instrumentalists. Plan to invite a friend and tell us in advance for the purpose of planning dessert!

HOLIDAY DESSERT SOCIAL

Tuesday, December 5 at 1:00 o'Clock

CELEBRATE!

Church Fair Pies & Ice Cream will be served at 1:00 o'clock followed by Advent entertainment.

***Christmas Story by Gladie Kneeland*

***Strumming & Songs by Richard Aberman*

***Carol Sing with Mary Ann Nelson*

Please plan to bring "Socks for Ruth's House" (children's, men's, Women's) to this holiday event and help kick-off an all-church collection for this mission's Christmas giving!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM—1 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, OCT. 9TH IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM, FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

COMMUNION SHARED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Social Justice Book Club!

Justice happens when we live love out loud, in public, with all our neighbors. Together we can learn how to best share and spread God's love and justice.

You are invited to a new book club at the Georgetown Library, open to the whole town, hosted and organized by your very own pastor, Rev. Holly.

Together we will read good, challenging works focused on justice for various areas of life: human history and our relationships, cultural differences (and similarities), and climate change to name a few. There are copies of each book at the library to borrow.

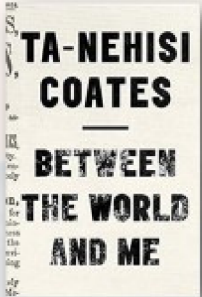
We will meet every other month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. See below for the schedule.

Join us for the new . . .

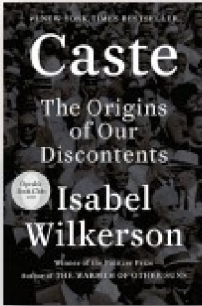
Social Justice Book Club

at Georgetown Public Library
2nd Tuesdays *every other month* at 7 pm

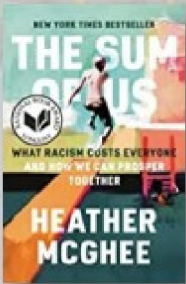
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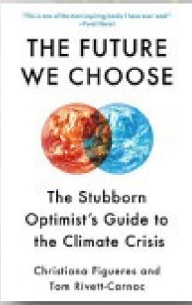
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November 14th 2023



January 9th, 2024

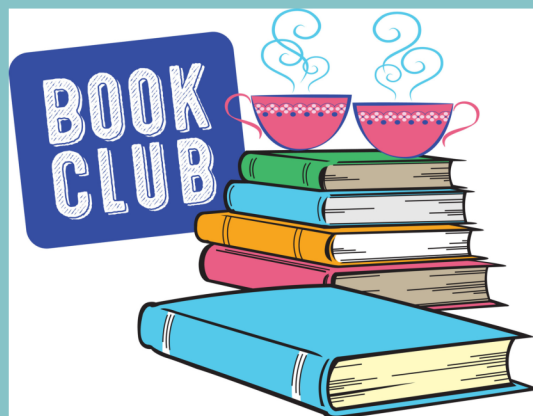


March 12th, 2024

Questions? Reach out to Holly Brauner at pastor@freemethodwma.org

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58



Each month we meet to talk about books selected by book club members. Meetings are held via ZOOM. All are welcome and you do not have to RSVP to attend.

Below is a list of books that will be discussed in the coming months in case you want to get the book ahead of time or you might just be looking for a good read.

Date 2023	Title	Author	Zoom Information
October 25	<i>Downeast: Five Maine Girls and the Unseen Story of Rural America</i> ©2021	Gigi Georges	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
December 6 (combined Nov/Dec)	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> ©2022	Bonnie Garmus	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
2024			
January 31	<i>The Maid</i> ©2022	Nita Prose	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
February 28	<i>Horse</i> ©2022	Geraldine Brooks	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
March 27	<i>We All Want Impossible Things</i> ©2022	Catherine Newman	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
April 24	<i>Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy</i> ©2022	Damien Lewis	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
May 29	<i>Remarkably Bright Creatures</i> ©2022	Shelby VanPelt	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading
Tuesday, June 25 (NOTE: Tuesday date)	<i>Daughters of the Flower Fragrant Garden: Two Sisters Separated by China's Civil War</i> ©2022	Zhuqing Li	Zoom 857 9842 9936 https://fccgeorgetownma.org/ministries/ Select Book Club, What We are Reading



Fall Fair Food Table

Pam, Emily and their amazing crew will once again be making pies for our annual Fall Fair. If you would like to help, please come! Here's the schedule, if you'd like to pitch in:

Sun 10/15 - Freezer ready apple pies - 1:00PM for folks who could help peel apples and 2 PM for the pie makers.

Thursday 10/19 - Fresh Baked Pie Day - 8:30 AM until we are done. Anyone who can come that morning to peel apples would be happily welcomed!



In addition to pies, we will have soups, quiche, baked beans, pumpkin whoopie pies and other assorted food items. If you have a special dish; casserole, lasagna, scones, or other fun food item you'd like to cook up, we would welcome any and all! We can provide containers if needed and if you make up something for the freezer, we will have some space available in one of our church freezers.



RUMMAGE SALE!



***The First Congregational Church
7 Andover St. Georgetown Mass***

**Annual Fall Fair Friday October 20th 11am—7pm
Saturday October 21st 9am—2pm**

GOT STUFF?

***Need to do some spring cleaning early this
Year? The Church is accepting donations for
The White Elephant rummage sale!
Contact the Church office for details.***

978-352-8443

churchoffice@georgetowncongregational.org

*Donations for the
rummage sale are
greatly appreciated!*

Donation guidelines:

We can accept

- dishes
- books/records/cd's/dvd's
- small appliances in working order
- furniture and lamps in good working order
- gently used women's clothing

Unfortunately, we cannot accept

- TV's
- Computers, monitors, printers
- Sports equipment
- Stuffed animals
- Non-working electronic devices

Time to clean out those closets!

We are looking for donations of clean, gently used
women's and children's clothing, shoes and boots.
Please bring donations to the church and leave them in the
Bride's Room off the Narthex.

Please contact the church office at 978-352-8443 for more information.

The Chic Boutique

Open for 2 days during the
Annual Fall Harvest Fair!

Friday, October 21st 10am - 5pm
Saturday, October 22nd 8am - 3pm



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2023 FALL HARVEST FAIR

FRIDAY OCT. 20TH 11AM—7PM SATURDAY OCT. 21ST 9AM—2PM



Lobster Roll & Chicken Salad Roll

Friday 11:30am - 1:00pm

ORDER 4 or more *FREE local delivery

CALL 978-352-8443



Chili & chowder!



TAG SALE- Rummage Sale!

Doors open promptly at 11 AM on Friday!

Don't miss out on all the great deals!



Looking for that special outfit?

Stop by our Boutique we have beautiful gently used clothing for women, and children!



Jump start the Holiday Season and start shopping this weekend! Featuring unique creations & products from over 20 vendors!

Delicious Turkey Dinner with all the fixings!

Saturday night 5:00pm

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DINNER



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE!

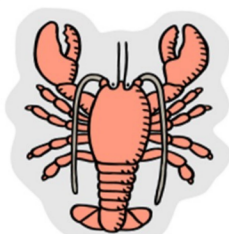
TAKE A CHANCE ON SOME FANTASTIC ITEMS!

\$1.00 EACH



Home made PIES!

SATURDAY BREAKFAST SANDWICHES ARE BACK! DOORS OPEN AT 9AM!



**LOBSTER
OR
CHICKEN SALAD
ROLL
LUNCH**



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Georgetown
will sponsor their Lobster and Chicken Salad Roll lunch at the annual
"FALL FAIR" to be held:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH 2023

11:30AM – 1:00PM

7 Andover Street, Georgetown, MA

Lunch includes loads of homemade LOBSTER or CHICKEN SALAD on a roll, chips,
coleslaw and dessert.

LOBSTER \$15.00 CHICKEN SALAD \$10.00

NEED DELIVERY ? FREE DELIVERY*

(*We will gladly deliver **4 or more** lunches to any Georgetown location!!)

To order for **delivery only**:

Please call the Church office **978-352-8443** and leave a message or Email your
order to: Lobsterlunch234@gmail.com

Messages must have *name, number, type of lunches, delivery address &
contact phone number.*

ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN THRU THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Correct change and a single contact (for group orders) would be appreciated.
*Orders placed by Thursday will be delivered by **NOON** on Friday.*



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN
7 ANDOVER STREET GEORGETOWN MA**

**ANNUAL TURKEY
DINNER**

All are welcome..

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
5:00-7:00PM**

**Turkey dinner with all the
fixings!**

**Adults \$13.00
Kids 10 and under
\$7.00**



TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DINNER!



**HOME MADE
DESSERT INCLUDED!**



October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 AM Small Band 10:30 AM Worship <u>5:30 Gtown Wkshop</u>	2 <u>7 Gtown WkShop</u>	3 10 AM Bible Study 12 PM Women's Guild 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	4 7 PM Boy Scouts	5 <u>7 Gtown WkShop</u>	6	7
8 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship <u>5:30 Gtown Wkshop</u>	9 **Office Closed** Indigenous Peoples Day <u>7 Gtown WkShop</u>	10 10 AM Bible Study 6:00 pm Finance 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	11 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Missions	12 7 PM Knitting Group <u>7 Gtown WkShop</u>	13	14 8 AM Men's Breakfast Café Sarina
15 9:30 AM Band 10:30 AM Worship 12 Noon "The Wired World" 1pm Fair Set Up & Pie Making	16 5:30 PM Bells	17 10 AM Bible Study	18 6:30 PM Council	19 8:30 AM Pie Making	20 Fall Fair 11 AM-7 PM Lobster Lunch	21 Fall Fair 9 AM-2 PM Turkey Dinner
Fair Set Up Week						
22 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship Line Dancing 3-5 <u>5:30 Gtown Wkshop</u>	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i> <u>7 Gtown WkShop</u>	24 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band	25 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Book Club	26 6:00 PM Christian Development <u>7 Knitting Group</u> <u>7 Gtown WkShop</u>	27	28
29 10:30 AM Worship Zilber Beatles Line Dancing 3-5	30	31 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Band				Note: Purple type=team mtgs Blue type=outside group mtgs



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Our Church Mission Statement:
“To nurture those in our own faith community
and to act on our faith by reaching out to others.”
We are an Open and Affirming church of the United Church of Christ